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Jail for lockdown violators: DC

Second positive case reported in Mysuru; India's tally jumps to 422, death toll at 7

City Traffic Police making public announcements near Devaraja Market this morning asking people to stay indoors and come out only in case of real need. Picture right shows heavy traffic movement at Shivarampet despite the lockdown, forcing the authorities to book criminal cases.

Mysuru, Mar. 23 (RK&BCT)- Coronavirus cases in Mysuru have jumped to two even as the State is battling to enforce a lockdown amidst spiralling cases. To send a message that the Police and the District Administration would not take any violation of lockdown rules lightly, criminal cases will be booked against violators and also jailed.

At a joint press conference held at the Office of the Deputy Commissioner that was streamed live on *Facebook* to send out the message loud and clear, DC Abhiram G. Sankar, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta and Superintendent of Police C.B. Ryshyanth declared that non-bailable criminal cases will be booked with immediate effect against violators under Section 270 of IPC. **The Section says, whoever malignantly does any act which is, and which he knows or has reason to believe to be, likely to spread the infection of any disease dangerous to life, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine, or with both.**

(See VIOLATORS on page 7)

MAJOR DECISIONS TO CURB COVID-19

- 150-bed District Hospital on KRS Road (Metagalli) will be converted into Emergency Virus Hospital
- All positive persons will be shifted to the District Hospital from K.R. Hospital
- Mysuru District Administration to take over B.M. Hospital on Hunsur Road in case there are more cases
- Private Hospitals asked to submit a list of facilities to handle emergency patients and isolation cases
- State Government gives full powers to DCs, Police Commissioners and SPs to enforce full lockdown
- State ready to handle 80,000 cases
- Free food for poor at Indira Canteens
- Parcel service from hotels stopped due to misuse

To Our Readers

COVID-19 District Emergency Control Room

The Mysuru District Emergency Control Room for COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is functional 24x7 and has a team of operators and medical professionals who are working in shifts. All related queries will be handled professionally and necessary guidance will be provided to all callers, according to Mysuru DC.

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NOTE: *Don't panic if you have cold, cough or fever. Consult your nearest Government doctor* ***only in case of emergency.*** *If you have any COVID-19 symptoms, the doctor will refer you to K.R. Hospital where Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratory will test samples.* ***No private hospital is authorised to conduct COVID-19 tests.*** *—Ed*

Abracadabra

Turn to Page-6 for Abracadabra titled *"Remembering Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj - 8: Shivaji surrenders. All set to Aurangzeb's invite to his Court."* —Ed

People not taking Coronavirus lockdown seriously, rues PM

80 districts across the country fully shut

New Delhi, Mar. 23- A day after India observed 14-hour-long Janata Curfew, Prime Minister Narendra Modi took to *Twitter* to point out that people are still not taking the lockdown seriously. Several videos have emerged of people taking out rallies and crowding streets during the curfew on Sunday.

"Many people are still not taking the lockdown seriously. Please save yourself, save your family, follow the instructions seriously. I request the State Governments to get the rules and laws followed," the PM tweeted this morning as confirmed cases in India crossed 400.

The Centre and State Governments have decided to completely lockdown 80 districts across the country where Coronavirus cases have been reported. Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala announced lockdown in many districts.

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

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Containing the *contagion*

Contagions, the diseases that spread from one person or animal to another through *touch* or through the air have currently aroused the world like never before, thanks to the virus that has been lately titled COVID-19 after a few weeks of being talked about as Coronavirus originating from China. Unlike its many predecessor pathogenic organisms threatening to upset the health of human beings as well as other life forms such as cattle, fowl and other domesticated animals, also taking toll of lives of the victims in specific locations, Corona has marched to the status of an epidemic, that the World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared as a pandemic, given its reported presence in more than 150 countries across the world.

The causes and cures of most of the illnesses bugging human populations all over the planet are understood to some extent by only a small fraction of the masses, including the literati and the educated. The illnesses being classified as *(a)* Contagious, *(b)* Hereditary, *(c)* Neither of these and *(d)* Thankfully Corona is accepted as not hereditary but contagious and that is no big consolation.

The extent of knowledge generated by both pioneers of the past and research groups of later eras in the area of medical science seems to be mocked at by the ongoing and unabated march of COVID-19. The cure for the illnesses caused by this virus not in sight, the *preventive* measures seem to be the only option before people to keep off its impact.

The pace of the spread of COVID-19, in the initial days following its emergence, has taken the world by surprise exposing the virtual lack of knowledge relating to containing the contagion. The steps being taken in India in an effort to match that pace, particularly issuing the many easy-to-practice actions such as washing hands with soap, avoiding contact with those experiencing symptoms associated with the virus, keeping the living space clean, closing the mouth with handkerchief or tissue paper while coughing or sneezing, disposing of these materials in bins with lid, avoiding places of crowding, not to travel except under unavoidable situations and so on have been praised by the WHO.

All out steps to remind the people not to be indifferent towards complying with the aforementioned practices have to reach the rural residents who need to be *guided* by trained volunteers as the urbanites are falling in line. The task of containing the present contagion to meet with success depends on proactive change in the habits of people that are conducive to emergence of both known contagions and new ones.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

In the recent subject-wise ranking of world Universities by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), Indian institutions improved with 26 Departments or Schools placed in the top 100 of their respective disciplines. Science, Technology and Business Studies were the fields in which our Universities showed their mettle. While this is a reason to celebrate, not even a single Indian University features in the QS ranking of the world's top 150 in overall parameters. The Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) of Bombay and Delhi are at the 152nd and 182nd places in the overall rankings, while IISc Bangalore appears at the 184th position. There is much for India to learn from those who are miles ahead of us. *— Sreeram Chaulia in The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Elephants on self-isolation break into farm, get drunk !

Yunan Province: China, the first country to be hit by Coronavirus has tens of millions placed in lockdown while authorities worked to halt its spread. But at one farm in the Yunan province, elephants too full advantage of the situation. A herd of 14 elephants broke into a village in a bid to find food. However, they got a cheeky extra for their efforts when they came across a huge 30kg of corn wine.

After drinking, the elephants were somewhat the worse for wear. Two males passed out, drunk, in one of the tea gardens nearby. Bet there were some sore heads the morning after the night before.

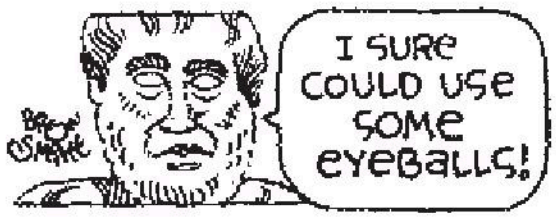
Woman's pet two-inch goldfish grows into 'monster', eats tank mates

Chicago: A horrified woman says a two-inch long goldfish she won at a carnival has now grown into a huge flesh-eating monster. 28-year-old Alexandria Miller, 28, brought Gerald the goldfish in July 2018 when he was a tiny one. She thought her new pet was a standard size, but says he just kept growing and now measures a whopping 12 inches. Now Alexandria, from Chicago, USA, says she has to keep him isolated from other fish as he has eaten several of his tank mates. He has already outgrown two of his tanks, costing her £1,000 ($1,300) to replace.

Gerald shows no sign of stopping to grow and his owner is already looking for his next tank. "He's so hard to measure - even when we were putting him in his new tank, my friend commented on how much bigger he looks in the flesh. He'll click it against the glass till he's got our attention - he's food motivated but can be calm until he's hungry. Then he seems to get grumpy towards me- but if I put a smaller fish in there with him, he will eat them which he has done several times." Alexandria said.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

When was carbon monoxide discovered?



Aristotle (384-322 BC) first recorded that burning coal produced toxic fumes. An ancient method of execution was burning coals to produce such fumes. The criminal was locked into a bathing room with smouldering coals. They died of carbon monoxide poisoning, having in hailed the carbon monoxide in the smoke.

**Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Warmer climates will slow Coronavirus spread, but won't stop it: New study

New Delhi, Mar. 23- Communities living in relatively warmer areas may have a "comparative advantage" to others in slowing the transmission of Coronavirus, an analysis by scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) indicates.

A report maintains that the MIT researchers — Qasim Bukhari and Yusuf Jameel — found most Coronavirus transmissions to have occurred in areas with lower temperatures, ranging from 3 to 17 degrees Celsius. However, the study, which was published on Mar. 17, argues that though warmer temperatures may slow the transmission rate of the epidemic, it doesn't mean there won't be an outbreak.

While countries in the Southern Hemisphere currently experiencing summer have reported Coronavirus cases, regions with average temperatures over 18 degrees Celsius have accounted for less than 6 per cent of global cases. Dr. Qasim Bukhari said, "Wherever the temperatures were colder, the number of cases started increasing quickly."

"You see this in Europe, even though the healthcare there is among the world's best," Dr. Bukhari added. The dependency of the Coronavirus outbreak on temperature can be witnessed in the United States. Southern States such as Arizona, Florida and Texas have seen a slower outbreak growth in comparison to Washington, New York and Colorado (States with relatively lower temperatures).

Dr. Bukhari clarified that "warmer temperatures may make this virus less effective, but less effective transmission does not mean that there is no transmission. We will need to take strong precautions."

Really...?

- ***A flea can accelerate faster than the Space Shuttle: A jumping flea reaches dizzying heights of about eight centimetres (three inches) in a millisecond. Acceleration is the change in speed of an object over time, often measured in 'g's, with one g equal to the acceleration caused by gravity on Earth (9.8 metres/32.2 feet per square second). Fleas experience 100 g, while the Space Shuttle peaked at around 5 g. The flea's secret is a stretchy rubber-like protein which allows it to store and release energy like a spring.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

I'm lucky that my wife and mother are very close. I realised just how close the time I drove my mother to her doctor, which my wife usually does. When the doctor came into the room, my own dear mother introduced me as her "DAUGHTER-IN-LAW'S HUSBAND !!"

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VOICE OF THE READER

Traffic indiscipline by riders on the rise in city

Sir,

This is with regard to the letter by N. Bhaskar in *SOM* dated Mar.7 titled ***"Two-wheeler riding: Indiscipline and lawlessness on city roads"*** which is very true and really at peak in some areas. It is very sad to see the disrespect shown to the Police and traffic laws in this city. Triple riding and helmetless riding are common even in front of Traffic Police apart from violating traffic signal rules. Most people follow the rules only if Traffic cops are there at the signals.

Catching the traffic offenders can be done by installing CCTV cameras in every nook and corner of the roads. Monitoring can be done by the Police, sitting at their offices instead of chasing them on the roads which sometimes leads to problems to the riders and pedestrians who really follow the rules.

It is not a costly affair as the installing charges can be recovered from the traffic offenders by sending notices for collection of fines. Whenever we visit foreign countries we will judge the culture and discipline of the people of that country by seeing the traffic system and how they follow the traffic rules in that country. Mysuru is an important tourist place frequented by foreigners. It is not a good sign for the reputation of our country if they get the opinion that the law enforcing agencies are not strict and effective.

Will the authorities concerned look into this and take action in the coming days?

—Madhav Udyavar

Shaktinagar 10.3.2020

Disruption in water supply

Sir,

We would like to state that there is no proper supply of water from past one week in Ward 14, 3rd Cross, near P&T Quarters, Udayagiri, Mysuru. This happens every now and then. There is no fixed hour for the supply of water. The water when supplied is only for 10 minutes with very low pressure. I request the authorities concerned to look into the matter urgently.

—Residents

Udayagiri

17.3.2020

Govt. postpones SSLC, PU exams

Bengaluru, Mar. 23 (UNI)- Putting an end to the confusion, the State Government yesterday deferred the SSLC examinations that were scheduled to begin from Mar. 27 in the wake of COVID-19 outbreak.

This apart, the Government has also deferred the PU examination (English) which was due today. Taking stock of the epidemic situation across the State, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa ordered deferring of examination followed by a statement by the Education Minister Suresh Kumar.

A fresh time-table will be announced in the first week of April. According to S.R. Umashankar, Principal Secretary, Primary and Secondary Education Department, following the lockdown in nine districts, the decision to defer the II PU exam was also taken by the Department.

Sources in the Education Department revealed that over 8.48 lakh students have registered for SSLC exams and over 6 lakh students have been appearing for II PU exams. The State Government which had assigned additional work to teachers despite declaring holiday to schools on Sunday announced a holiday to teachers and PU lecturers, until Mar. 31.

Mysuru, Kodagu lockdown till Mar. 31

Mysuru, Mar. 23 (MTY&BCT)- Karnataka Government on Sunday announced a lockdown in nine districts, where COVID-19 cases have been reported. Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural, Dakshina Kannada, Mysuru, Kalaburagi, Dharwad, Chikkaballapura, Kodagu and Belagavi will be shut down till Mar. 31.

Consequent to the Government order to promote social distancing and isolation measures to combat COVID-19, restrictions will be in place across Mysuru and Kodagu districts till Mar. 31. All shops, commercial establishments, workshops dealing with non-essential services shall remain closed.

All labour-intensive industries will have to work at 50 per cent of their strength on rotation basis to ensure social distancing.

Following services have been excluded from restrictions: food ration shops, milk, vegetable, groceries, meat, fish, fruit markets and shops, transportation for goods, Police, Government Offices and local bodies, electricity, water, banks, ATM, home delivery of food, pharmacies and take away from restaurants.

Mysuru DC said there is no need for panic buying because grocery stores will remain open.

Meanwhile, the person from Mysuru who tested positive for COVID-19 is in hospital isolation and the district administration has traced his contacts. The person boarded an Air India flight from Dubai to Bengaluru via Goa and landed at Kempegowda International Airport and came to Mysuru in a taxi. He stopped at Maddur to have tea.

The person developed uneasiness and fever. Before going home, he directly came to K.R. Hospital where he was screened. His samples were tested and turned positive. Even the second test resulted in confirming that he is infected, the DC said and added that the man had come in contact with 13 people all of whom have been told to go under home isolation. The patient was recuperating and there was no concern about his health, the DC added.

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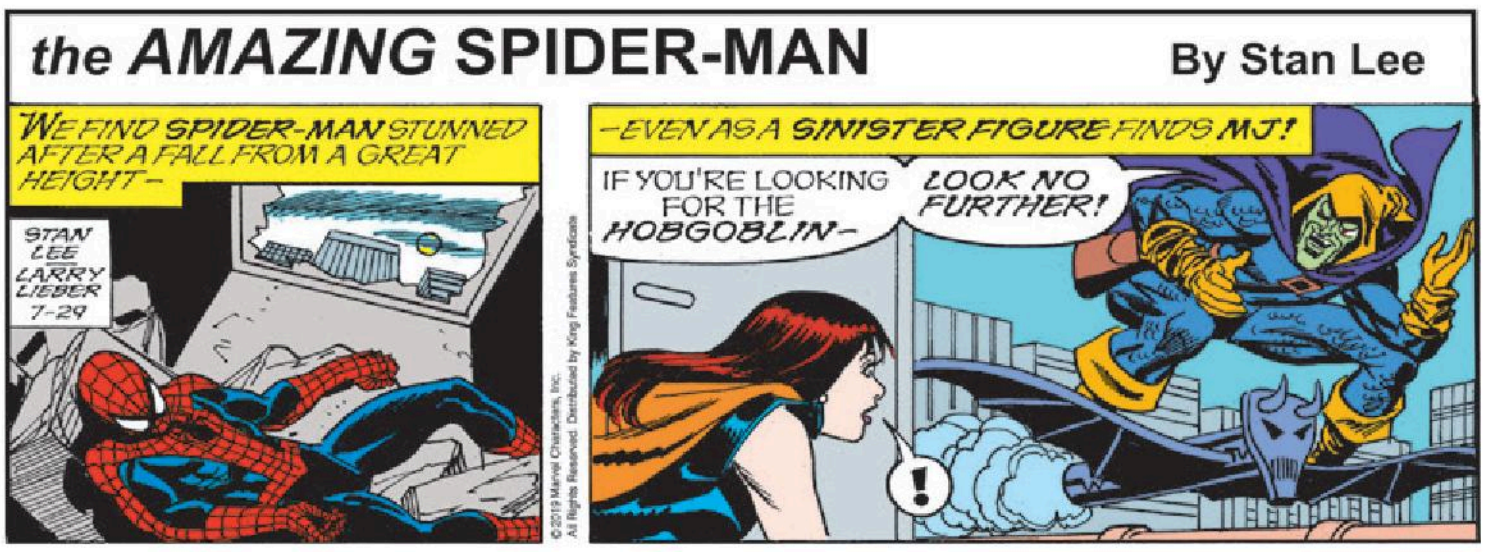
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NEWS BRIEFS

Aradhane postponed

Following the regulatory measures and the lockdown announced by the State Government in view of COVID-19, 'Santushta Teertha Aradhane' which was scheduled to take place at Uttaradi Mutt in city on Mar.24, stands postponed. Next date will be announced later, according to Aniruddhacharya, Chief of Uttaradi Mutt, Mysuru. [Mob: 94481-47459]

Concert cancelled

The Karnatak music vocal concert by Vid. R. Vedavalli organised by Ganabharathi on Mar.26 stands cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a press release from A. Radhesh, Member.

Obituary

H. Hanumanthu

Mysuru, Mar. 23- H. Hanumanthu (86), retired Supervisor, Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW) and a resident of Vontikoppal here, passed away on Sunday.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam this morning.

Gangadhara Phadke

Gangadhara Phadke (75), father of danseuse Dr. Kripa Phadke and a resident of Srirampura here, passed away on Saturday. A native of Belthangady, he leaves behind his wife Uma G. Phadke, son hotelier Divakar Phadke, daughters Dr. Kripa Phadke, Dr. Deepa Phadke and Roopa Marathe and grandchildren.

Gangadhara Phadke had served as Secretary of Belalu Vyavasaya Seva Sahakara Sangha and was also running a hotel at Belthangady for some time before settling at Mysuru.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday.

Alhaj Mohammed Maqbool

Alhaj Mohammed Maqbool (72), Proprietor of M.M. Industries and a resident of N.R. Mohalla, passed away on Saturday. He leaves behind his wife, three sons and a daughter. Namaz-e-Janaza was held at Rabbani Masjid in N.R. Mohalla after Isha prayer yesterday, followed by burial at Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

No disruption of essential services despite lockdown, assures DC

Mysuru, Mar.23 (YDS&DM)- Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar said that the State Government has temporarily halted some services as a measure to stop the spread of the deadly COVID-19.

Addressing an emergency press meet at his office here on Sunday, Abhiram G. Sankar said that more than 20 COVID-19 positive cases have been reported from the State with one death.

Pointing out that a lockdown has been declared in nine Coronavirus-positive cases districts — Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural, Kalaburagi, Chikkaballapur, Mysuru, Dharwad, Kodagu, Belagavi and Dakshina Kannada — the DC said that the lockdown will continue till Mar.31.

However, there will be no disruption in essential services. All non-essential commercial activities, commercial establishments, workshops, godowns and the like have been ordered to shut and the lockdown is not applicable for essential services such as food grains, milk, vegetables, Banking services etc., he noted.

Clarifying that there will be total shutdown of manufacturing activities, the DC said that factories and industries have to work by introducing a rotation policy for its employees in order to cut down the workforce by 50 percent. He further said that factories should not retrench their staff for this reason and the staff should be given paid leave for no-work days.

Highlighting that many sectors have been asked to adopt a Work From Home (WFH) policy, he said that all IT-BT Companies have been asked to comply.

Stating that all inter-State and inter-district AC bus services have been stopped with immediate effect, he said that, however, a few inter-district bus services will be operated if necessary.

He sought the co-operation of the public in the enforcement of the lockdown, as it is very crucial for stopping the spread of the deadly Coronavirus.

Referring to schools, the DC said that with schools shut, all teaching and non-teaching staff have been asked to work from home, carrying out duties such as framing of academic curriculum, academic calendar etc.

As far as Quarantine is concerned, Abhiram G. Sankar said that all those who are under 'Home Quarantine' are stamped and it is important to ensure that they do not come out of homes for any reason during the Quarantine period. Those found violating Quarantine norms will be treated in a hospital for two weeks, he said.

Referring to supply of essential commodities, the DC asserted that there will be no shortage of food supplies as food grains carrying goods trains are allowed to run. Calling upon the people to remain indoors, he re-assured the public that there will be no shortage of essential commodities.

Asking the rural people not to be complacent, he said that the entire population should follow Government regulations in the wake of Coronavirus scare and re-iterated his appeal for total public co-operation in making the lockdown a success for warding off COVID-19 threat.

*DC Abhiram G. Sankar addressing an emergency press meet at his office in city on Sunday. Also seen are (from left) **DCP (Law and Order) Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda, MCC Commissioner Gurudutta Hegde, SP C.B. Ryshyanth and City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta.***

Essential services available

Medical Shops, Petrol Bunks, Goods Transport, Police, Fire & Emergency Services, Government Offices, Local Bodies, Panchayat Raj Institutions, Postal Services, Banking Services, utilities such as Power, Water and Sanitation, Telecom Services, Food Grains and other food articles, Home Delivery of Medical Equipment, Parcel Services in Hotels and Restaurants, Government Canteen Services, Farming, Horticulture and Pisciculture activities, Veterinary Services etc.

Ban on hiring taxis, two-wheelers

Mysuru City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta said that the Police Department has enforced a ban on hiring of app-based two-wheelers and taxis.

Swimming Pools, Gyms too closed: Also, all Swimming Pools, Gymnasiums and the like have been ordered to shut down till Mar.31.

Stating that all public and private programmes, where a significant number of people gather, have been disallowed, he said that there will no fairs, shandies and festivals.

Asking the people to remain indoors as this would go a long way in controlling the spread of Coronavirus, he sought full co-operation from the public in the fight against COVID-19.

Check-posts set up at district border

Superintendent of Police (SP) C.B. Ryshyanth said that check-posts have been set up at five points on the district border, including three in Periyapatna taluk, one near Veeranahosahalli in Hunsur taluk and another one at Bavali on Kerala border. Pointing out people travelling through these check-posts will be under watch, the SP said that travellers may be screened twice and the public must co-operate. Asking the rural population not to gather in groups, he said that there is a total ban on all fairs and festivals.

Stating that people who are found with Coronavirus symptoms will be examined at the nearest Health Centre, he sought public co-operation for providing information regarding any Coronavirus suspects in their vicinity.

Surveillance on 13 persons who were in contact with infected person

The DC said that 13 persons who were in touch with the infected person have been contact-traced and are kept under Health Surveillance.

Pointing out that four of these 13 persons have been categorised as high risk, he said that nine others are found to be out of Coronavirus danger.

The 13 persons include one from Chikkaballapur, two from Mandya and ten from Mysuru districts, he said and added that all those who travelled along with the infected person on his flight from abroad, cannot be examined for Coronavirus, as they are from different places in Karnataka and Goa and the matter has been brought to the notice of the State Health Department.

Employee suspended for revealing identity of infected person: Abhiram G. Sankar also said that a Health Department employee has been suspended for revealing the identity of the infected person.

Pointing out that the suspended employee is a contract employee, he said that a criminal case has been registered against him for misconduct.

Janata Curfew against COVID-19 empties out city

Mysuru, Mar. 23 (MTY&BCT)- Social distancing is the only way to flatten the curve of the Coronavirus spread. And like never before, Mysuru was completely deserted with residents remaining indoors yesterday the whole day as part of the Janata Curfew call given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

While roads were empty, commercial establishments, both small and big, remained closed throughout the day. An eerie silence prevailed across the city unlike the bandhs sponsored by political parties and even the streets and public places in the residential areas were bereft of people.

All markets were found shut and streets wore a deserted look. "We have decided to support Janata Curfew as it for the benefit of everyone," said a resident of Vijayanagar First Stage. "It is a moral duty of every person to look after his own well-being as well as of those around him. Janata Curfew was imposed for the welfare of masses. There was no question of disobeying it," he added.

Main streets as well as prominent roads were deserted as part of the initiative aimed at preventing the spread of COVID-19 by maintaining social distancing. The usually busy Central Business District in city remained empty. Both public and private transport operators had cancelled their services on Sunday responding to the call.

The City Bus Stand, Sub-urban Bus Stand, and Railway Station which are a beehive of activity, were completely deserted while all commercial establishments across the city and in the main commercial hub comprising D. Devaraja Urs Road, JLB Road, Dhanvanthri Road, Ashoka Road and Santhepete too remained shut.

The areas which were once abuzz with activities slips to silence — Mysore Palace, Town Hall and the Clock Tower surroundings. [Pic. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]

The wholesale market at the APMC Yard and the retail selling at Devaraja Market were shut and a few daily wagers were seen snatching some sleep at the bus stand or in the open lawns. All commercial establishments and even some of the essential services such as petrol stations remained closed in both urban and rural areas. The highlight of the Janata Curfew was that people in residential areas too chose to stay indoors.

The KSRTC had withdrawn its services and even private transportation, including taxis and autorickshaws, remained off the roads. A few passengers in transit were stranded and preferred to spend their time in the bus shelters opposite K.R. Hospital. Even the hospitals were bereft of crowd as the Out Patient Department (OPD) was closed for the day, while hotels and restaurants remained shut.

Most organisations, including the Mysore Industries Association, had expressed support to the lockdown and hence there was no industrial activity with workers asked to take a holiday. Only pharmaceutical shops were exempted from the lockdown.

*NO MAN'S LAND... **Sayyaji Rao Road, Dufferin Clock Tower and Devaraja Market Area.***

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On line item rate tender in Two parts i.e. Part-1 – Techno-commercial cum Pre Qualification Bid and Part-2-Financial Bid are hereby invited through e-Tendering mode on behalf of the President of India by Superintending Engineer, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mysore for the following work from eligible contractors having adequate experience and capabilities in similar works of such magnitude as detailed in this tender.

Sl. No.	Description	Details
1	Name of the Work	Preparation of Work stations and Sub-assembly activities, at BARC, Mysore
2	Estimated Cost	Rs.19,00,000/- (Rupees Nineteen lakhs only)
3	Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 38,000/- (Rupees Thirty eight thousand only
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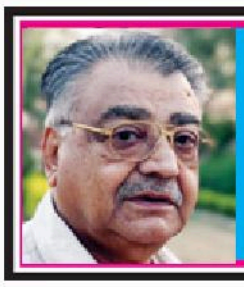

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Remembering Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj — 8

Shivaji surrenders. All set to Aurangzeb's invite to his Court

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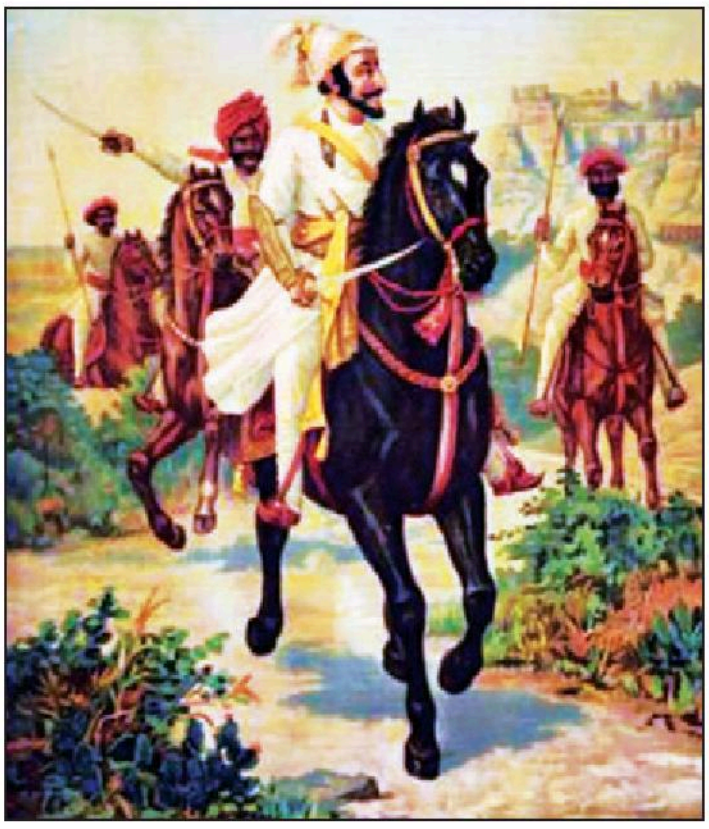

There was a unique feature of war with Shivaji, nay Marathas. With other enemies, where once the enemy was defeated, all the Forts of the enemy would fall and its garrison surrenders. But, in case of war with Shivaji even when he lost one Fort, his other Forts would continue the engagement of war.

Raja Jai Singh knew about this strategy of Shivaji and decided to attack Shivaji's Forts one after the other. The first Fort he selected for assault was Purandar. Remember this Fort? Yes, this was the Fort Shivaji had taken by fooling the three quarrelsome brothers of the just dead Governor of the Bijapur Sultan by pretending to negotiate a settlement! It is to the South-West of Pune and it was here Shivaji had killed Afzal Khan. Remember? I was told by a reader of this column that presently the spot where Afzal Khan was killed is converted into a sacred place under the vote-bank politics by the government of the early days of independence! I do not know.

Dilir Khan was ordered by Raja Jai Singh to open the attack with his Afghans while Shivaji was fully ready with his men in the Fort. Marathas rained down on the enemy arrows and stones and old kettles full of gunpowder giving hell to Mughal army.

To cut a long battle of resistance by Marathas short, it was only when Shivaji's commander Murar was shot by Dilir Khan from the back of an elephant he was perched on, the Marathas were discouraged. The next day morning Raja Jai Singh went up the Fort, unarmed the Marathas and as a 'Hindu Warrior' offered them honourable terms which they reluctantly accepted. "As a fellow-Hindu he congratulated them on their courage..." The British historian Dennis Kincaid writes, "After further compliments he (Raja Jai Singh) set them free and invited them to return to their homes."

Then the Mughal Commandant Raja Jai Singh sent a heralding message to the main Fortress (Shivaji) offering similar, honourable terms: **"Surrender, Marathas! Your Commandant is dead."**

The Marathas shouted back in herald: **"We hope to die as bravely as he did."**

All this time Shivaji was not sitting idle. He knew now that he could not engage the Mughal army assembled at Saswad, near Pune, in an open battle. The Mughal army was so huge that he is outnumbered four to one. After the fall of Purandar Fort, Raja Jai Singh left Dilir Khan to complete the task of taking over the Fort and left for Rajgad where Jai Singh knew, lived Shivaji's family. **Shivaji saw his Kingdom crumbling to pieces before his eyes against the enormous resources and constant reinforcement of man-power to Mughal army.**

Shivaji the diplomat and strategist decided that seeking cessation of hostilities, an armistice, would be wiser than a long-drawn-out war. He decided that it could be no shame now to admit defeat and go for diplomacy with Mughal Empire which he had engaged on equal terms frequently with startling success — remember Shayista Khan and loot of Surat?

Thus it was that at the beginning of June 1665 Shivaji sent a message to Raja Jai Singh pleading for an armistice. Jai Singh refused to accept anything less than unconditional surrender.

When Shivaji was offering armistice, Raja Jai Singh was demanding an unconditioned surrender. A clever and intelligent person that Shivaji was, he then made another offer to Jai Singh. Shivaji offered to visit Jai Singh in his imperial camp to discuss his personal surrender.

Surprisingly, Raja Jai Singh agreed for this offer and assured a safe conduct to Shivaji to arrive at the camp and for Shivaji's safety. Shivaji's envoy carried this message back to Shivaji who never doubted a promise made by a Rajput. Shivaji, who usually went riding his white horse, this time chose to be carried in a single palanquin to go to Jai Singh's imperial camp at Purandar Fort. Interestingly, when Raja Jai Singh heard that Shivaji was approaching the camp, he sent a Brahmin to ask if Shivaji really wanted peace. When Shivaji nodded his approval for peace sitting in his palanquin, Jai Singh sent his senior Rajput noble to welcome Shivaji.

It is recorded that Shivaji's reputation was such that the Mughal officers found it difficult to believe that Shivaji was really coming to talk peace, more so that Shivaji was alone. In his tent Jai Singh was awaiting Shivaji taking every precaution. That was because Shivaji had become a legendary creature with powers of magic and of super human cunning. As already mentioned earlier, in the incidents relating to Mughal Governor Shayista Khan who had occupied Shivaji's Pune Palace Lal Mahal, was the reason for this special precaution. All their apprehensions, however, simply evaporated when Shivaji getting down from the palanquin **bowed low** to Jai Singh thanking him for receiving him. Simultaneously Raja Jai Singh also rose from his couch and folded Shivaji in his arms saying, **"You have fought well against the Emperor, now you must fight as well for him."**

What Jai Singh meant to convey Shivaji was that Shivaji should forget about building an independent Hindu kingdom. Instead, he should join the service of Mughal Emperor. In order to convince Shivaji the only option he had in this peace talk, Raja Jai Singh explained it as follows:

"If the brave Rajput kings and people had fallen before the might of the Mughal empire what hope was there for a new little kingdom of Shivaji with half-civilised hillmen as soldiers who had never before been known as warriors? More over, if a Prince like Raja Jai Singh himself of the house of Jaipur was not ashamed to serve the Mughal empire, it was hardly a matter for an obscure Maratha Shivaji to feel disgraced and humiliated, to serve the Mughal empire."

Jai Singh was persuasive, saying that Shivaji's undoubted talents as a soldier would find a great place of honour in Mughal imperial service.

And finally, Raja Jai Singh made this offer to Shivaji: If you surrender you will be allowed to retain your ancestral territory and such land you have conquered from Bijapur. But you must hold them as feudatory in the name of Mughal Emperor. Shivaji wanted to know the final terms of his surrender:

Condition No. 1. Shivaji should pay an agreed amount of indemnity, war damages.

2. Shivaji should hand over all the 23 of his Forts.

3. Shivaji should admit the Mughal soldiers into all these Forts without hindrance.

Shivaji agreed to these conditions even as Dilir Khan was capturing the Purandar Fort. **Shivaji also agreed to write a letter to the Mughal Emperor pleading for his pardon as per Jai Singh's direction.**

To this Aurangzeb sent a frigid reply to Shivaji. Let me quote from historian Dennis Kincaid:

"Your letter... It is agreeable to note that you crave pardon for your conduct and that you repent your past deeds. Our reply is that your behaviour has been so base that it deserves no forgiveness. Nevertheless at Raja Jai Singh's intercession we extend to you a general pardon..."

Naturally, Shivaji was unhappy with this letter from Aurangzeb but carried out the terms of his treaty with Raja Jai Singh, including acceptance of office in the Mughal army under Raja Jai Singh.

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City-based Skanray to assemble nearly one lakh ventilators

Karnataka to procure 1,000 ventilators; Mysuru to seek 20 immediately

Mysuru, Mar. 23 (BCT)- Skanray Technologies, a Mysuru-based global exporter of ventilators, is drawing plans to locally assemble nearly one lakh ventilators (as per national demand) in the country with active support from the Union Government as the country prepares to gear up for emergency situation.

Skanray is working out the design with Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), NITI Aayog, Directorate General of Health Services and Karnataka Government. Reports said it has received financial and technical commitment from philanthropist Sudha Murty, Biocon Founder Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw and Dr. Devi Shetty of Narayana Healthcare Group of Hospitals.

At a press conference held at the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner's Office this morning, DC Abhiram G. Sankar said that 20 ventilators will be immediately procured from Skanray for Mysuru's emergency needs.

Karnataka Health Minister B. Sriramulu has tweeted this morning: *"To combat the #COVID19 breakout in Karnataka aggressively, State health officials had a video conference with officials from Skanray Company and it has been decided that the State will procure 1,000 ventilators immediately."*

Confirming that Skanray was looking to ramp up its production to meet emergency needs, Vishwaprasad Alva, Founder and Managing Director of Skanray, told *Star of Mysore* that the DRDO has assured that they will airlift the critical ventilator components to Mysuru for assembling.

Vishwaprasad Alva, Founder and Managing Director of Skanray.

"Skanray has healthcare technology solutions to counter the COVID-19 epidemic and is ramping up its production at its Mysuru unit and in Bologna in Italy to about 25 times its current capacity to gear up for the emergency need of the nation and the countries where it is active.

"The National demand is for about 1,00,000 units while the capacity is currently 5,000 units per month taking the capacity and support of Ramesh Kannan, Managing Director, Kaynes Technologies, Narendra, Managing Director, Vinyas Innovative, Sunil Banwari, Managing Director, AT&S, Suchitra, Operations Head, Cyient and Sanjeev Gupta, Managing Director, Lahari Electronics System Development and Maintenance (ESDM). All these firms are in Mysuru to make it a Technology Response Hub," he said.

"Mysuru DC Abhiram Sankar personally met the ESDM team and reviewed the readiness to respond to the demand. He has created a National COVID-19 Technology Response Team with the Mysuru ESDM members to make 1,000 units to the State requirement on top priority and to be also ready to serve the 1,00,000 units of the country at the time of crisis," Alva added.

On Mar. 21, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw took to *Twitter* to urge the Indian Government to procure ventilators produced by Skanray. The company is India's largest exporter of modern medical equipment and has its installations in about 80 countries around the world as Skanray and as an Original Equipment Manufacturer to the large Global med-tech companies. A ventilator costs anywhere between Rs. 5 lakh and Rs. 12 lakh and several critical components are imported, and that supply has stopped because European countries supplying them have stopped exporting in order to cater to their own needs. Skanray currently has the ability to produce 200 ventilators a month at its Mysuru facility.

Jail for lockdown violators: DC

(Continued from page 1)

The Police will strictly enforce the lockdown in the city, as this morning, almost-regular traffic was seen on roads despite instructions to people not to venture out unnecessarily. "Only one thing that can save all of us is staying home. Time has come to strictly adhere to all guidelines for a couple of weeks that are very crucial," the officers said.

Second case in Mysuru

Meanwhile, second COVID-19 case was reported in Mysuru this morning. The first case was reported on Saturday. DC Abhiram Sankar confirmed the second case. The DC said, "A 46-year-old man from Kerala, who travelled from Dubai to Bengaluru tested positive. He came to India in last set of permitted flight. He arrived in Bengaluru on Mar. 22 and took a taxi to Mysuru and went to Meena Bazaar in Mysuru. Later he wanted to go to Kerala but caught fever and reported to K.R. Hospital where his tests revealed that he was COVID-19 positive." The DC added that efforts were on to trace the taxi and the contact persons.

Elaborating on the lockdown measures, the DC said that only essential commodities like medicines, milk, vegetables, markets and grocery shops will be open. **"We have directed hotels to stop parcel service as people have been misusing the gesture by eating at places outside the hotels and creating a nuisance. There will be no restrictions on transport of goods to the district. We are discouraging people from unnecessary assemblies and announcements are being made through mikes at public places for the people to stay away," he said.**

Industries will have skeletal staff who will work in shifts and vendors of essential commodities have been asked to wear masks and be at a distance from people.

Govt. puts varsities on high alert

The State Government has decided to utilise the guest houses in all Universities and vacant buildings under the Higher Education Department. Directing all the Universities and offices, the Higher Education Dept. asked authorities to fumigate all the guest houses, vacant hostels and keep them ready for any emergency situation in the future.

All the Vice-Chancellors have been instructed to designate one person as Nodal Officer and provide their contact details to the State Govt. Besides, the Dept. has also asked teachers and non-teaching staffers to join the work in an emergency situation to fight Covid-19.

Banks to provide ONLY essential services

Mysuru, Mar. 23 (PM&KS)- Banks which opened today with limited staff is providing only essential services and customers seeking non-essential services have been asked to use internet banking and respective bank's mobile application (app).

Canara Bank, Tilaknagar Branch, has asked its customers to postpone their visit to bank for less important works such as updation of passbook, balance enquiry etc.; to use alternate delivery channels such as internet banking, mobile banking, e-info book to the maximum extent; not to accompany friends or family members to the bank unless it is necessary; not to stay in the banking hall once the work is completed; to wear mask; not to visit Bank if sick etc.

The bank is only providing essential services such as cash deposit, cash withdrawal, cheque clearance and Government transactions.

Staff on rotation basis: Though the bank has 11 staff, only three staff is working on rotation basis. Only 5 to 10 customers are being allowed inside the bank at once and they have been asked to follow social distancing.

Sanitiser at ATMs: Lead Bank Manager Venkatachala said that efforts are being made to provide sanitisers at all ATM kiosks in the district soon.

Mysore Merchants Co-op. Bank Ltd: While customers who had come to either deposit cash or withdraw it were being allowed inside the Bank in limited numbers, those seeking non-essential services were not allowed inside the Bank, but the two staff seated outside the bank were providing them services like passbook updation, request for cheque book, etc.

Meanwhile, Indian Banks' Association has stated that all Banks will undertake ONLY essential services from Mar. 23 onwards and has requested the customers to co-operate.

Excise officials seal Liquor Shops

Mysuru,Mar. 23 (MTY&DM)- Following speculations that Bars and Liquor outlets may function clandestinely in the wake of lockdown, the Excise Department officials from all the four Zones conducted an early morning drive today in their respective Zones, sealing off all Bars and Liquor outlets located in their respective jurisdiction. Each Zonal team was headed by an Excise inspector, supported by 4to 6 other departmental staff.

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Leadership Lessons FOR DAILY LIVING

By Dr. R. Balasubramaniam

Demonstrating Public Health Leadership

"Public Health Leadership is the practice of mobilising people, organisations and communities to effectively tackle tough public health challenges. It relates to the ability of an individual or organisation to influence, motivate and enable others to contribute toward the effectiveness and success of public health programmes in the community and the organisation in which they work. It involves inspiring people to craft and achieve the vision and goals of having healthy communities."

The COVID-19 pandemic is now a household word. Whether it is the television or the newspapers, the drawing room conversations or WhatsApp chats, the topic revolves around this and how it is affecting our lives. We are constantly bombarded with information from all sides and updates on the crisis and how people are responding — whether it is in China, South Korea, France, Germany, USA or India keep getting thrown at us.

From the reassuring message of the Prime Minister of Singapore to his people or Indian PM Modi mobilising the SAARC and G20 Nations to fight this together, President Trump and his teams' message to Americans or the responses of Central Banks around the world, we are seeing leadership being exercised in different ways.

On the one hand, we are seeing public health specialists, bureaucrats, doctors and paramedics, scientists, media personnel, airline managements — all of them responding spontaneously with courage and vision, all wanting to manage the crisis and do their bit. On the other hand, we have also seen some countries and their leadership take it lightly and some being overwhelmed by what needs to be done. This crisis has indeed shown the world what public health leadership can achieve or not achieve.

Public health challenges

What exactly is Public Health Leadership? Public Health Leadership is the practice of mobilising people, organisations and communities to effectively tackle tough public health challenges. It relates to the ability of an individual or organisation to influence, motivate and enable others to contribute toward the effectiveness and success of public health programmes in the community and (or) the organisation in which they work. It involves inspiring people to craft and achieve the vision and goals of having healthy communities.

Public Health leaders need to provide mentoring, coaching and inspiration. They have to keep encouraging colleagues, provide empowerment to people around them and ensure that they provide a sustained presence during times of crisis. And the world is witness to this — whether it is clinicians and nurses, heads of Government, the WHO or public health personnel. This is not an easy proposition even when the challenge is local, but then having a concerted response on a global scale is beyond imagination.

Again, what usually gets spoken about or noticed are the visibly impactful people exercising leadership at the top and we talk about it as though it is the exclusive prerogative of senior bureaucrats, heads of Government, health professionals and NGO leaders. We generally fail to notice the leadership that less visible people demonstrate in their own ways.

Leadership in action

I had the unusual experience of seeing such leadership in action a few days ago while traveling in a taxi in Bengaluru. The driver **Mahadeva** seemed to be a cheerful and friendly person and started a conversation the moment I got in. He started off by telling me how his business had slowed down and how the Coronavirus crisis was impacting him.

He then gently steered the conversation to whether I knew enough about the crisis and what I needed to do to stay safe and healthy. He politely offered me the use of the sanitiser that he was carrying in his car and mentioned to me how he had just wiped the door handles and steering wheel.

Finding me a good listener, he continued to tell me how he was carrying soap with him and found opportunities to wash his hand in between rides. He was keen on demonstrating the correct wash technique and asked me if I had a job that allowed 'work from home'. He mentioned in passing that people like him did not have the luxury of working from home or ensure complete social distancing, but he was keen on ensuring that his taxi (his second home) was reasonably safe for his passengers.

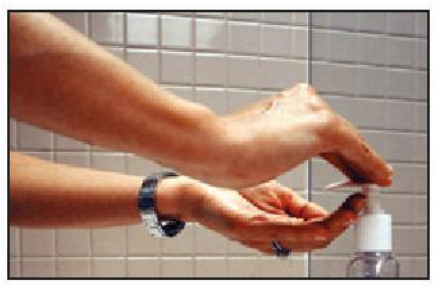
He ended the conversation by telling me that he did not see his passengers as 'business' but as 'family' that he needed to keep safe. For without them, he said that he would not have any business at all.

Real leadership

As I thanked him and alighted from the taxi, he mentioned how he made it a point to inform all passengers traveling by his taxi, especially the ones coming from the airport about what needed to be done. He also let me know that he carried couple of masks with him, just in case he found his passengers coughing or sneezing. This was real leadership he exhibited in the interest of public health.

The world has shown that it is indeed possible for people and nations to come together in fighting something that threatens all of us. But all this can happen only when each of us demonstrate the leadership that is required — at a personal level, at a community level and at a global level. Apart from simple hand washing to social distancing to respecting the public health demands made by Government health agencies, we also need to be sensitive to the economic pressures on people like Mahadeva.

Leadership like the kind Mahadeva displays is required from each one of us and not just from the top of the pyramid managing the crisis. We need every individual to demonstrate the public health leadership that society desperately needs now. Only then, can we truly take the fight against this virus to its logical conclusion. And lessons learnt from working together with societal concern and not just the personal one will possibly end up teaching humanity how to conduct itself in facing other global challenges like poverty, climate change and terrorism ■



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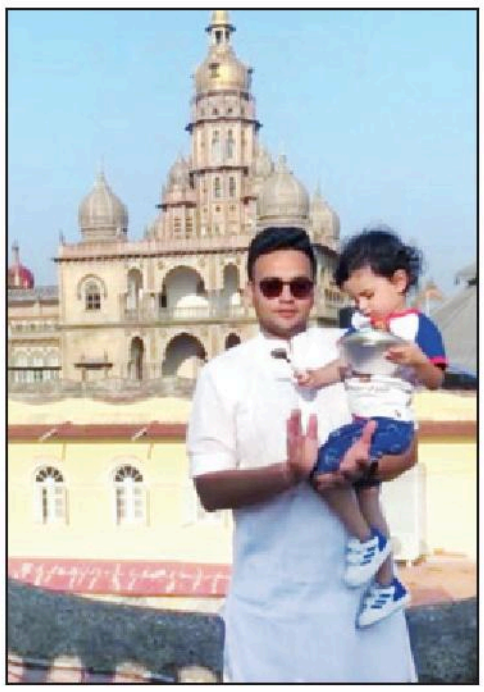
Claps, plates, conches pierce through Janata Curfew as people thank its heroes



A family in city out on the balcony last evening clapping for those involved in emergency and essential works amidst COVID-19 scare. Picture right shows Titular head of Mysuru royal family Yaduveer Wadiyar, along with his son Aadyaveer Wadiyar, clapping at the Palace premises.

Mysuru, Mar. 23- Mysureans came out onto their balconies and stood near open windows to clap, clang metal vessels and ring bells yesterday to cheer emergency workers battling the spread of the Coronavirus during a nationwide lockdown.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had asked citizens to stay indoors for a voluntary dawn-to-dusk curfew, but said they should make noise at 5 pm to show their appreciation for medics, nurses and sanitation workers.

People responded by blowing conch shells, singing patriotic songs and banging drums. Outside, the usually bustling streets were quiet. Many had planned early by sharing recordings of drum beats, conch, bells and trumpets to be played on speakers. Some had carried out noisy rehearsals on Saturday evening.

From children to the elderly, common people to VIPs, all came out in balconies, lawns and terrace of their homes as the clock struck five.

Many of Modi's supporters praised the celebrations. Some even went as far as saying the positive energy would help push back the virus — though the Government quickly put out messages on *Twitter* saying the display of gratitude would have no impact on the virus' spread.

Prime Minister Modi too thanked the people for the gesture. Taking to *Twitter,* he said it is an expression of gratitude by the people and also the sound of the bugle declaring the first success in the long battle ahead. "With this resolve and patience, let's restrict (social distancing) ourselves as part of this long battle," Modi tweeted in Hindi.

Pourakarmikas observe Janata Curfew by cleaning the city

MCC Pourakarmikas are seen cleaning a street without wearing protective gears such as masks and gloves during Janata Curfew yesterday. Are Pourakarmikas not humans? Does Coronavirus not affect them? Will the MCC Commissioner look into it?

Mysuru, Mar. 23 (PM&KS)- When Mysureans were observing Janata Curfew from 7 am to 9 pm yesterday, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Pourakarmikas were busy cleaning the city by undertaking clearing of garbage heaps, sweeping streets, thus observing Janata Curfew yesterday.

"We have to do cleaning works daily. We also support Janata Curfew. We have to undertake cleaning which is very much essential and hence we are working," Pourakarmikas said.

"We are also afraid of Coronavirus, but ours is an essential work which has to be done daily. We have taken necessary precautions and working. We have been instructed to work till 10 am and we go home after that," they added.

PROTECTIVE GEARS

Pourakarmika leaders said that despite Coronavirus scare, many Pourakarmikas were not given protective gears such as masks, gloves and other protection materials, which was given to them only after a few Pourakarmika leaders raised objections a few days ago. The Pourakarmikas have been instructed to wear the protective gears compulsorily and work.

MCC Health Officer Dr. Nagaraj, speaking to *Star of Mysore* yesterday, said that there is a order to provide necessary protective gears once in three months.

Mysuru District Pourakarmika Association President N. Mara said that the MCC has distributed masks, gloves, boots, shirt and pant piece to Pourakarmikas.

The Bachchans — Amitabh Bachchan, Abhishek Bachchan, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan and Aaradhya Bachchan — out on the terrace last evening clapping for the Corona Warriors.

Karnataka HC to hear cases via video conferencing

Bengaluru, Mar. 23 (UNI)- The Karnataka High Court has introduced video conferencing facility to hear cases as a measure to curb the spread of Coronavirus in Court premises.

The notification issued in this regard through Registrar T.G. Shivashankare Gowda reads, "In view of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), Virtual Courts has been created in the High Court of Karnataka, Principal Bench, Bengaluru. Advocates/party-in-person can digitally appear by using videos/Skype to represent their cases listed before the High Court, Principal Bench, Bengaluru and Benches at Dharwad and Kalaburagi. Advocates party-in-person are requested to share their case details, video/Skype ID to email IDregcomp@hck.gov.in of Registrar (Computers)."

It was further stated that the respective Advocate/Party-in-person would be informed about the slot given for their appearance through digital means. Recently, the Bombay High Court had notified that it would take up urgent matters via video conferencing as well after it decided to restrict its functioning to minimise risking the spread of the Coronavirus.

WORD OF THE DAY

Viridity

Pronunciation: vuh-RID-uh-tee
Meaning: The quality or state of being green; the colour of grass or foliage; naive innocence.
Origin: Viridity is simply a high-sounding way to say "greenness" in both its literal and figurative senses. Greenness goes all the way back to Old English grēnnes, from grēne ("green"), a word akin to Old English grōwan ("to grow"). Viridity did not enter the language until the 15th century, when it was adopted into Middle English as viridite. The ultimate source of viridity is Latin viriditas ("greenness"), itself drawn from the root viridis ("green"). Viridis is also the source (by way of Middle French verdoyant) of English verdant, as well as verdancy, yet another fancy synonym for "greenness."
Example: Although the autumn leaves turn red and gold, it is still ordinary time, time to experience God's viridity.

THE ODD WORD

Vardle

The bottom hinge of a gate.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Visit the Ladies' room

Meaning: Euphemism for going to the bathroom.

Origin: Euphemisms are used whenever we need to talk about subjects that may cause embarrassment, which may include death, sex, poverty, disease and others, but it is with reference to lavatories that linguistic taboos really come into their own. There has never been a polite word to describe 'the place for defecation and urination' and so for centuries we have invented words and phrases that refer to such a place without using those words. 'Lavatory' and 'toilet' are considered to be the grown up ways of so referring but even those are in fact euphemisms. "Ladies' room" is one of the numerous euphemisms for lavatory: 'powder room', 'cloakroom', 'the smallest room in the house', 'facilities', 'WC', and so on. 'Ladies' room' is a short form of 'ladies' cloak room', which was a literal description. "Ladies' Room" came into use in the Victorian era in Britain in 1886.
Example: The Ladies' room is just around the corner.

QUOTE BOX

Valour grows by daring, fear by holding back. **—Publilius Syrus**

RIDDLE THIS

I hold a capital situation in Vienna, what am I?

Answer: The letter 'V'.

SUDOKU

			4	3		7		
	3	4						
2	8			5				3
				6			1	
9			7		3			6
	2			8				
1				4			9	5
						6	2	
		2		1	8			

Answer to previous puzzle

6	7	2	9	4	3	5	8	1
3	8	9	2	5	1	6	4	7
5	4	1	6	8	7	2	9	3
7	9	3	1	6	8	4	5	2
2	6	8	5	7	4	1	3	9
1	5	4	3	9	2	8	7	6
9	2	5	8	3	6	7	1	4
8	1	7	4	2	9	3	6	5
4	3	6	7	1	5	9	2	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Abolished Indian custom
5 American National Standards Inst.
9 And so on abbr.
12 Cargo in a truck or a ship
13 ___ ___ speak : familiarly meaning that...? (2,2)
14 Pair or a couple
15 Gaining of understanding
18 Furnishing scheme
19 Peruvian carrot
20 Pedro's uncle - "ITO" changed
22 Waxy solid derived from coconut flesh
26 "Can rise" anagram for a poison?
30 Gender abbr.
31 Mohammad ___ : "I am the greatest" boxer?
32 "A gone" different in Italy ?
34 Robert Louis Stevenson's intials
35 Famous city of Germany
37 Competent; dexterous
39 Gave in
41 Coniferous tree
42 Ballet dancer's skirt
45 A distant view
49 Disorderly haste (6-7)
53 Dwight
54 Pull or lug with hand
55 Girl's name; a shortened form of 'Dolores'
56 Cry of a cat
57 ___ the course : endure struggle, etc. to the end?
58 Larval oyster

DOWN

1 Downhill racer
2 Top-notch (1,3)
3 Type of refreshing and nice smelling powder
4 Foolish or moronic persons
5 Deposit left after a fire
6 ___ bene: note well; take notice?
7 ____ on it: hurry?
8 Second of the three classic architectural orders
9 Dutch commune
10 Large cask
11 Bed for a small child
16 Norwegian composer
17 Earth's satellite
21 Small bills
23 S. American country
24 Ship's body
25 Assoc. of Theo. Studies
26 Drug-yielding plant
27 Cheese skin
28 A coloured liquid used for printing and writing
29 Hairstyle
31 Australian Broadcasting Commission, in short?
33 Active, not dead
36 ___ weight : not counting the weight of the packing?
38 Trimmings or things that are superfluous
40 Songs for two
43 Horse's gait
44 Flushing Meadows initials
46 Desist
47 Weblike membrane
48 I smell __ __ : there's something fishy here? (1,3)
49 That boy or that man?
50 ___ out : supplement income etc. with difficulty?
51 ____ Hoad : tennis great of days gone by?
52 Lock opener

SATURDAY'S ANSWER

E	G	G	S	■	P	O	E	M	■	L	O	M
C	A	R	P	■	A	N	N	O	■	E	P	I
O	M	A	R	■	C	O	S	T	L	I	E	R
■	■	F	E	A	T	■	■	T	O	S	C	A
I	N	F	E	R	■	U	F	O	S	■	■	■
R	O	I	■	M	I	N	I	■	S	C	A	R
A	N	T	■	■	O	I	L	■	■	U	Z	I
Q	U	I	Z	■	W	O	M	B	■	L	M	S
■	■	■	I	R	A	N	■	A	T	T	I	C
S	M	O	T	E	■	■	O	A	H	U	■	■
T	E	N	S	I	O	N	S	■	I	R	O	N
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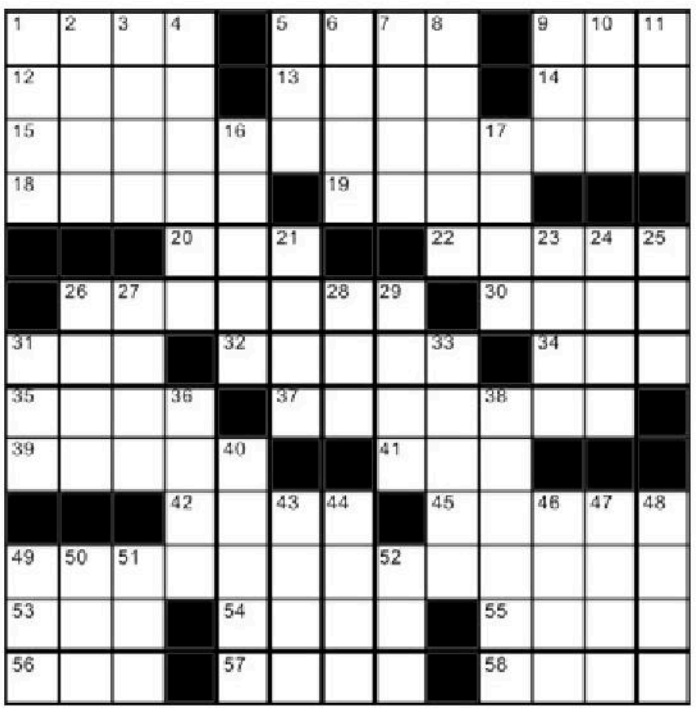


CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and Words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ZI PKK UMY SYPD QYDY TKPSZHV MBKZCPSO, UB

OTBDU QBFKC NY PO UYCZBFO PO UB QBDW.

TODAY'S CLUE: V EQUALS G

Saturday's Cryptoquip: If you really do put a small value upon yourself, rest assured that the world will not raise your price.

'Buddhimaan -2020' contest begins

Purna Chetana Public School's flagship programme to engage children creatively and productively during the period of their home stay

Mysuru, Mar. 23- Due to the COVID-19 outbreak and strict measures by the Government to contain the same, children across the State are locked up inside the four walls and even parents are worried about how to engage them.

As a responsible entity of the society, Purna Chetana Public School, city-based CBSE School, has come up with a programme called 'Buddhimaan - 2020' which engages children creatively and productively during the period of this crisis.

Buddhimaan contest will test children's creative thinking, problem-solving skills and critical thinking ability which are essential skills for 21st-century kids.

The contest will run continuously for 20 days starting from today (Mar.23) to Apr.11. During this period, a total of 10 questions will be published on the front page of *Star of Mysore* once in two days. These questions are open-ended in nature and will test a child's creativity, problem-solving and critical-thinking ability.

Children should attempt these questions as directed and should send answers to *WhatsApp* number 9972062848, along with their name, class, school name, parent's name and address. Children from 9 to 15 years can participate in this contest.

Out of all the answers received, Judges Panel will select one best answer for every question and winner of each question will get Rs.1,000 cash prize (payment through UPI wallets) and a certificate.

One Overall Champion will be selected considering all the answers received and winner will be crowned as 'Buddhimaan - 2020 — The Brightest Kid of Mysuru' with a memento.

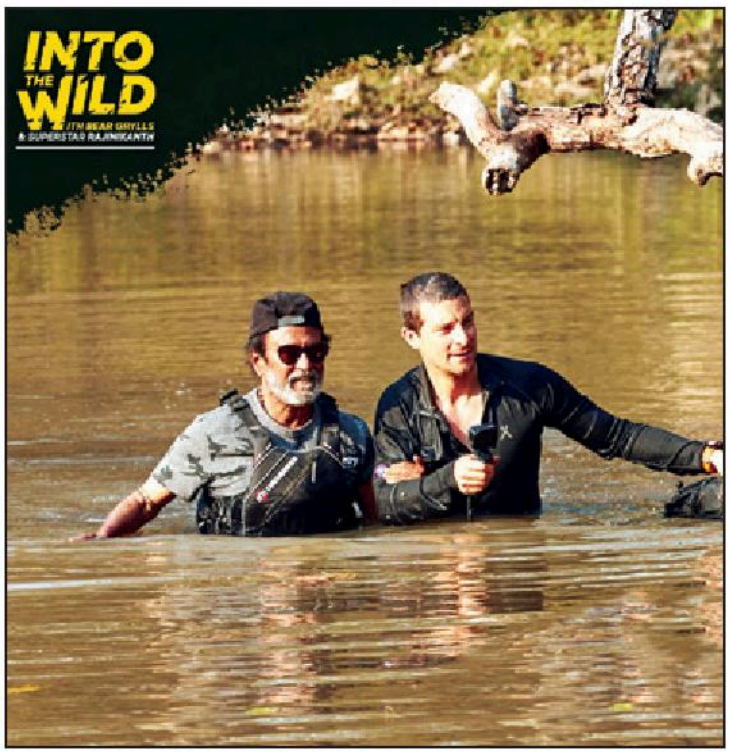
Participant has to attend all the 10 questions for the Overall Championship consideration.

All the participants will get digital certificates. The winner's details of each question will be published in Apr.14 edition of *Star of Mysore* along with photographs.

The answers received will be evaluated by the panel consisting of Dr. Rajini (Renowned Child Psychologist) and Dhruva V. Rao (Co-Founder of Science Ashram — Organisation which sets and runs Tinkering Labs in Schools).

Parents and children are requested to take note of this and refer *Star of Mysore* dated Mar. 21 for more details of the contest or contact Mob: 99010-10990 or 73972-38321, according to a press release.

'Into the Wild with Bear Grylls' to feature Rajini tonight



New Delhi, Mar. 23- The episode of *'Into the Wild with Bear Grylls'* featuring Tamil superstar Rajinikanth will be telecast today (Mar. 23) at 8 pm on Discovery channel.

The channel tweeted the following with a teaser that gives quick glimpses of Grylls and Rajinikanth in the forest:

"Can't bear the anticipation any longer? You don't have to. Watch Into The Wild with @BearGrylls and Superstar @Rajinikanth as they take us through a real adventure. Premieres tonight at 8 PM."

In the episode, Thalaiva will be seen enjoying some real adventures with Grylls in Bandipur National Park, Karnataka.

The Rajinikanth episode will go on air at 8 pm today across 12 Discovery channels including Discovery Channel, Discovery HD, DTamil, Animal Planet, Animal Planet HD, TLC, TLC HD, Investigation Discovery, Investigation Discovery HD, Discovery Science, Discovery Turbo and Discovery Kids. The premiere on Discovery and Discovery HD will be available in eight languages including Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, Bengali, Telugu, Marathi and English.

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